

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION
January 15, 2020
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER-

President's Statement-

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

ROLL CALL-

Robert Riedinger (A); Harriet Stambaugh (P); Fran Ellis (P); Bruce Ruck (P); Ronald Jubin (P); Peter Savulich (A); Francesca Escalera (A); Julia Gunther (P), Diane Logan (A)

Also present Kevin Sumner, Health Officer, Middlebrook Regional Health Commission.

Although Ronald Jubin was in attendance he has not been re-appointed to the Board and will not be eligible to vote.

Guest -- Former Councilman Bill Nehls came, but did not stay for the meeting to wish MaryAnn a happy retirement.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT:

Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to nominate Bruce Ruck for the position of Board of Health President with a second by Fran Ellis. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously

NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to nominate Julia Gunther for the position of Board of Health Vice President with a second by Fran Ellis. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously on roll call.

APPOINTMENT FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO MIDDLEBROOK: 2 members and 1 alternate

The following were appointed as representatives to Middlebrook.

Members: Fran Ellis, Julia Gunther

Alternate: to be determined at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES --December 11, 2019

Following a motion by Harriet Stambaugh and a second by Julie Gunther the minutes were unanimously approved.

Bruce Ruck moved the following Resolution with a second by Fran Ellis and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Bruce Ruck; Harriet Stambaugh, Fran Ellis, Julia Gunther, "aye".

R1: 01/15/20 - Appointment of Registrar -- Regina Angelo, effective February 1, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

None

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS - December

There were no questions about the reports for December.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK (Commission Report)

Kevin said tobacco bills have been passed restricting sales of tobacco products in pharmacies. Bruce questioned if the State passes the ban for the sale of flavored vapes who would be the enforcers. Kevin said it would probably be similar to how the sale of tobacco products to minors were held.

Bruce asked who should be contacted regarding a complaint he received about a sign advertising cigarette sales at the gas station on the circle. MaryAnn said she will speak to Carolyn Taylor about this in the morning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce reported he will be spending two full days at Watchung Hills Regional High School in April. He will again be meeting with Seniors to discuss drug updates and what they might encounter when attending college.

Kevin Sumner and Ronald Jubin wished to discuss some initiatives the Board of Health could conduct. Ron mentioned the Mayors Wellness Campaign. Ron said there is an application which must be submitted by January 31st and most of the information could be from Middlebrook. He said the Borough could get Sustainable Jersey points for this. Ron asked permission to bring this up at the Council meeting tomorrow night and he was told he can because he is the Council Liaison to the Board. Kevin said someone would have to take the lead with anything that might be initiated. Is there a Committee in place and if not, they must create one.

Kevin said there is a program in Bernardsville called Community in Crisis which promotes wellness for Seniors.

Julia suggested if there is anything initiated it might be a good idea to work with the Recreation Commission. Harriet also suggested looking at Atlantic Health for ideas and help possibly have them come to the Community Picnic to have a table to do blood pressure checks, and other such programs.

Bruce mentioned Long Hill and a few other municipalities have set up a program with their Police Departments for immediate help in a crisis. Ron thought this was also a good idea and should be discussed with the Borough Police Department.

All members suggested possibly setting up the obstacle course again at the Best Lake area. Some thought it would be better at the Watchung Lake. However, all felt if this were set up anywhere someone would have to have the responsibility to maintain the equipment.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public was in attendance

ADJOURNMENT-

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance

Board of Health Secretary